

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR JONES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct state agencies to provide to the division of archives, records management, and history of the Department of State all locations where their public records are stored and to direct such division to work in cooperation with the Louisiana Geographical Information Center to develop mapping relative to such locations.

WHEREAS, following Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, many state agencies were unable to assess the damage suffered by or gain access to the areas where their public records were stored; and

WHEREAS, the provision, by state agencies, of information about the locations of such storage areas to the division of archives, records, and management of the Department of State would allow such division to ascertain and make decisions relative to what records may need retrieval and remediation; would help in the determination of who is in possession of certain records and where they are located prior to a storm so that such records might be evacuated or moved to a higher floor; and would help future administrations to understand where all of the records placed under their control and care are located; and

WHEREAS, when providing such information, agencies should submit the physical address for every location at which their records are stored and indicate if any such records are more than fifty years old or are considered vital or permanent records and on what floor of such location such records are stored; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that such division work in cooperation with the Louisiana Geographical Information Center to develop mapping relative to such storage locations in order to facilitate the process of making clear where public records are located in the event of another disaster that puts such records in peril; and

WHEREAS, the protection and preservation of Louisiana's public records is a vital pursuit that would be facilitated by the reporting of such records' locations by their respective state agencies and the cooperative development of a mapping system relative to such locations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct state agencies to provide to the division of archives, records management, and history of the Department of State all locations where their records are stored and does hereby direct such division to work in cooperation with the Louisiana Geographical Information Center to develop mapping relative to such locations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the division of archives, records management, and history of the Department of State, the Louisiana Geographical Information Center, the head of each executive branch department, the office of the governor, the office of the lieutenant governor, the division of administration, the presiding officers of the Louisiana Legislature, and the Judicial Administrator of the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES